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## **HILTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**RE: UNITED STATES v. SHAWN E. SEIFERT**

Terrance P. Flynn, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York and Laurie J. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today that Shawn E. Seifert, age 38, of Hilton, New York, pled guilty in front of the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Court Judge, to receiving child pornography, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum of 20 years imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that between January 13, 2006 and January 18, 2006, the defendant possessed more than 600 images of child pornography on a computer he owned. He had received these images over the internet. Some of the child pornography images depicted prepubescent minors or minors under twelve years old and portrayed sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence.

On January 17, 2006, a technical support representative from Frontier

Communications Company had received a telephone call from Seifert requesting assistance to fix his computer. While attempting to fix the computer, the representative observed an image of child pornography. Frontier then contacted law enforcement and a subsequent search of Seifert's computer determined that Seifert possessed many images of child pornography. Seifert was then interviewed and admitted he had been trading child pornography with other people over the internet.

Seifert's anticipated sentencing is between 210 months and 240 months imprisonment.

Sentencing for Seifert is scheduled for September 20, 2006, at 2:30 p.m.